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THAT'S HOW EASY IT WOULD BE, LITTLE BOY. JUST ONE PULL OF THE TRIGGER--
AND IT WOULD BE ALL OVER FOR YOU.
PLEASE... JUST LET ME GO.
I'M OF NO USE TO YOU!
OH, BUT YOU ARE, MICHAEL.
YOU'RE THE GRANDSON OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
AND YOU'RE ALSO VERY... VERY...CUTE.
IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO KILL YOU.
BUT I WILL--
IF MY RANSOM DEMANDS AREN'T MET!

AND EVEN AS THE VILLAINESS KNOWN AS BLACK FURY CONTINUES TO TERRORIZE HER HOSTAGE--
BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE--
I CALL MYSELF MISS FURY--
AND AS I SAID... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP--
STAY BACK, MR. PRESIDENT!
WE WON'T LET HER GET NEAR YOU!
HUH?!

AIR MAN-- GET PRESIDENT O'BRIEN OUT OF HERE!
RIGHT, AMAZING MAN.
NO!
HOLD ON ...THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT!
I'M HERE AS A FRIEND!
ALIRA--
BLAST HER!
DO IT!
ALL RIGHT-- ALL RIGHT!
SHREE
THEY MUST BE CRAZY-- THE WHOLE LOT OF 'EM!
ZZZRAAK

SHE'S SO FAST!
I'VE GOT TO ERECT A FORCE-FIELD BETWEEN US BEFORE--
CHAK!
UHHH!
SHE'S SHOWN HER TRUE COLORS NOW.
FAN OUT-- AND ATTACK AT WILL!
KWOOOM!
RUH-RNNCH!
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HOLD YOUR PEACE, CHILD.
THERE IS NO NEED TO--
NNNHH!!
P-KOW!
DAMN! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN--
I'M LETTING MY ANGER GET OUT OF HAND!
I'M WARNING YOU, LADY-- IF YOU'VE HURT GRAVESTONE--
YOU'LL WISH YOU'D NEVER BEEN BORN!
AAAAGH!!
KR

THIS IS ALL SO UNNECESSARY.
AMAZING MAN ATTACKED WITHOUT EVEN TAKING TIME TO FIND OUT WHO THIS GIRL IS.
STILL--!'D BETTER RESTRAIN HER NOW, BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN MORE OUT OF HAND!

JUST TAKE IT EASY, MISS.
THIS WON'T HURT A BIT.

WHOOOF!!
THA-CHUD!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, OLD FRIEND?
I WILL BE.
BUT TELL ME...
WHY ARE YOU SMILING?
NO OFFENSE, GRAVESTONE--
BUT THE SIGHT OF YOU BEING TAKEN DOWN BY A LITTLE GIRL WAS RATHER AMUSING.
ZARD!-- FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN WHICH TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF HUMOR--
YOU HAVE DONE A REMARKABLY POOR JOB.
THE WOMAN IS MUCH STRONGER THAN SHE APPEARS. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD STEP INTO THE FRAY--
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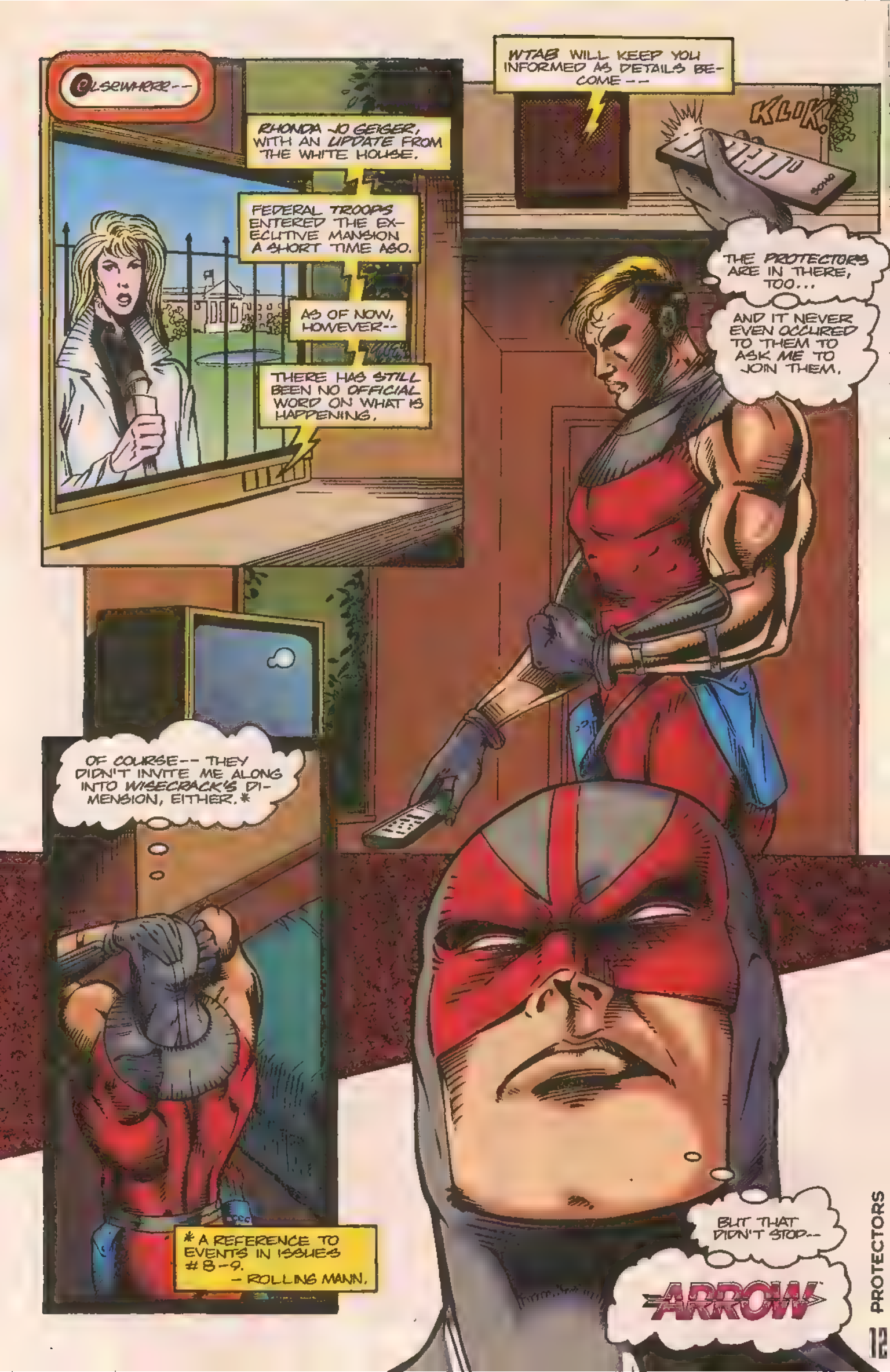
THAT'S ENOUGH.
IT'S TIME TO TALK NOW.
FRAKK
THAT WAS A MISTAKE, SWEETHEART...
A BIG MISTAKE!
KA-POW

SLAAAAM!
MMMMPH!
I'M... NO MATCH FOR ALL OF THEM!
THEY'VE GOT ME CORNERED!
IT'S FINISHED, GIRL... WE BOTH KNOW IT.
SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST--
STOP RIGHT THERE!

STAND DOWN.
GIVE THE CHILD ROOM TO BREATHE, FOR GODSSAKE.
AMAZING MAN... IN MY HOUSE, I GIVE THE ORDERS.
DON'T EVER FORGET THAT.
AND YOU, SON... IF YOU EVER MAN-HANDLE ME LIKE THAT AGAIN--
I'LL PLUCK YOU LIKE A CHICKEN. UNDERSTAND?
YES, SIR.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH. I...I ONLY WANTED TO HELP.
I KNOW... I KNOW.
LET'S GO SOME-PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK--
IN PRIVATE.


ELSEWHERE--
RHONDA JO GEIGER, WITH AN UPDATE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.
FEDERAL TROOPS ENTERED THE EXECUTIVE MANSION A SHORT TIME AGO.
AS OF NOW, HOWEVER--
THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO OFFICIAL WORD ON WHAT IS HAPPENING.
WTAB WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS DETAILS BECOME --
KLOK
THE PROTECTORS ARE IN THERE, TOO...
AND IT NEVER EVEN OCCURED TO THEM TO ASK ME TO JOIN THEM.
OF COURSE-- THEY DIDN'T INVITE ME ALONG INTO WISECRACK'S DIMENSION, EITHER.*
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- ROLLING MANN.
BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP--
ARROW

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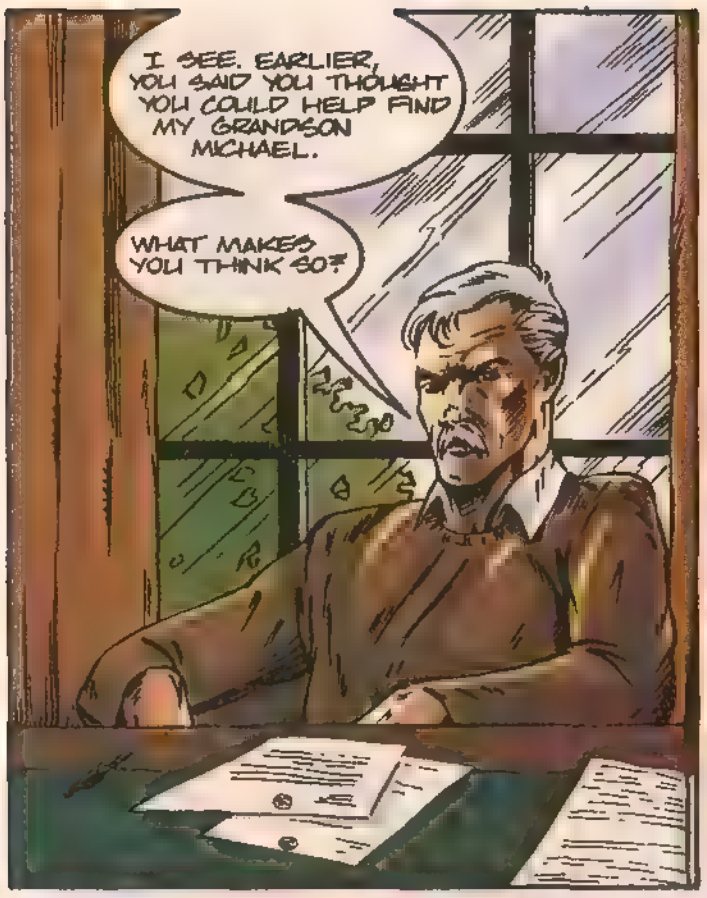

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"I WAS WORKING THE AFTERNOON SHIFT AT THE HOUSE OF FASHION..."

I THINK THAT DRESS IS YOU, MRS. TRASK. IT BRING OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR SKIN.

YOU KNOW --I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT!

I KNOW I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU TO HELP ME MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE!

IT'S MY PLEASURE, MRS. TRASK. COME AGAIN.

WHOA! WHAT A SALESMAN! I'M IMPRESSED!
THAT'S SALES-WOMAN, IF YOU PLEASE!
I STAND CORRECTED, MARLENE.
MMMM. JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON'T BECOME TOO CORRECT!
MENSWEAR
HEY--I JUST RAN INTO JACK OVER AT THE VIDEO STORE.
I TOLD HIM WE'D GO TO THE BEACH WITH HE AND CINDY SATURDAY.
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
C'MON, TONY--YOU KNOW I CAN'T STAND CINDY!
YEAH, BUT ME AND JACK ARE BEST FRIENDS--
SO I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T MIND.

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WELL, OBVIOUSLY YOU DON'T "KNOW" AS MUCH AS YOU THINK!
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WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN, MAR? IS IT THAT TIME OF--
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DON'T SAY IT, MISTER--
DON'T YOU EVEN THINK IT!
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SALE
NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME--MY AUNT STEPHANIE IS PICKING ME UP.
I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME AT THE BEACH WITHOUT ME!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER.
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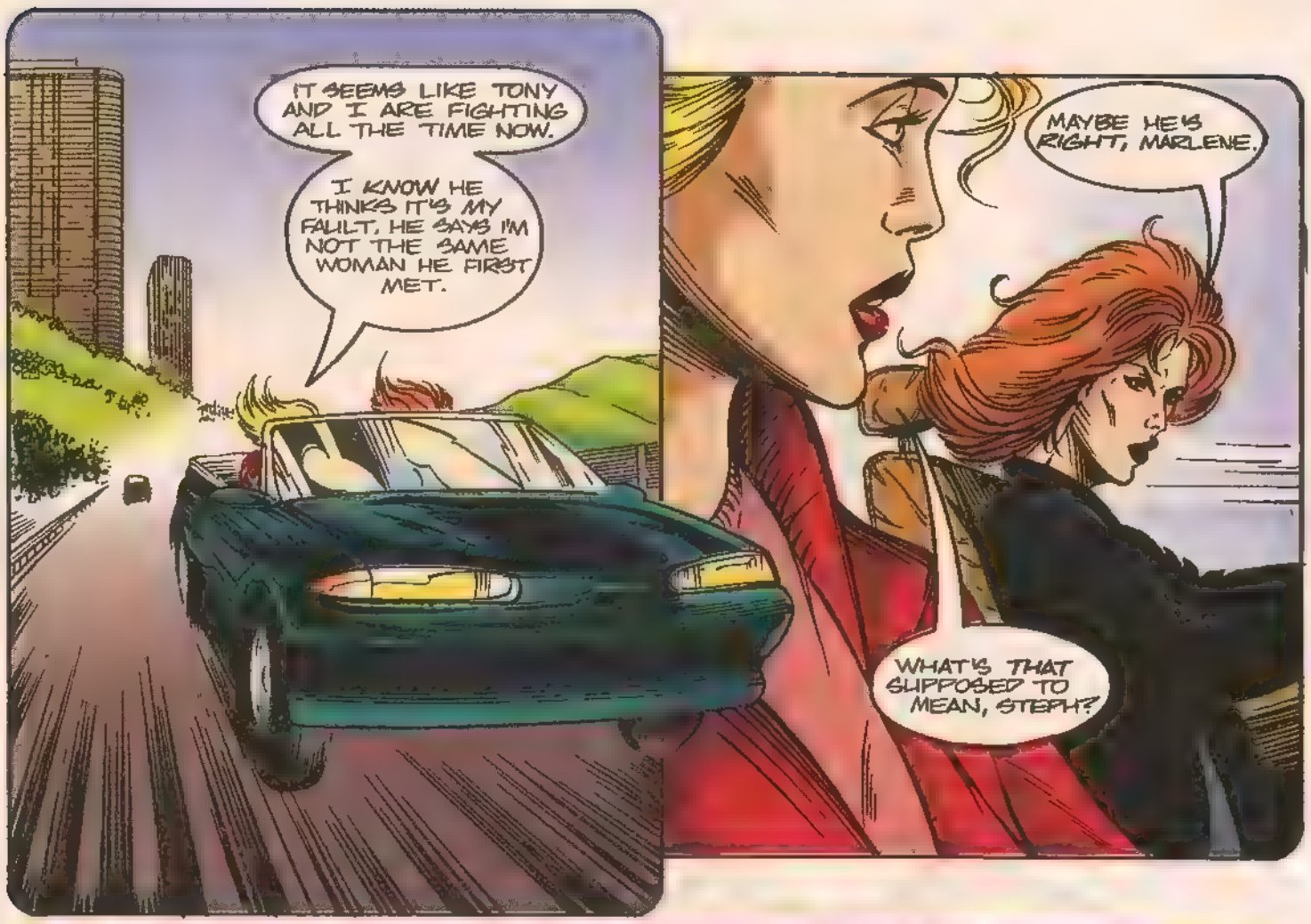
IT SEEMS LIKE TONY AND I ARE FIGHTING ALL THE TIME NOW.
I KNOW HE THINKS IT'S MY FAULT. HE SAYS I'M NOT THE SAME WOMAN HE FIRST MET.
MAYBE HE'S RIGHT, MARLENE.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN, STEPH?

HERE -- TAKE A LOOK AT THE LEAD STORY IN TODAY'S NEWS-PAPER.
The GAZ
MISS FURY F
The GAZETTE
S FURY FOILS BANK ROBBERY
YEAH. I WAS JUST LUCKY... STUMBLED ON TO IT WHILE IT WAS STILL IN PROGRESS.
SO?
SOOO... IT SAYS YOU BEAT THOSE TWO THUGS PRETTY BADLY.*
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU.
* SEE MALIBU SUN #26 —REFERENCE MANN.

MAYBE I HAVE CHANGED.
I KNOW I'M DEFINITELY STRONGER THAN I WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO.
AND MEANER, TOO, FROM THE LOOKS OF IT
YEAH? AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ABOUT ME?
GRANDPA IS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU, STEPH.
HOW COME?
HE TOLD ME YOU DON'T COME HOME AT ALL SOMETIMES.
I THINK HE'S AFRAID YOU'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.
DEAR OLD POP.
I GUESS HE'LL ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE A LITTLE GIRL.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE WHERE I'VE BEEN GOING AT NIGHT?
SURE.
THEN GET COMFORTABLE, HON--
IT'S A LONG DRIVE!

"STEPHANIE WASN'T LYING... WE DROVE NEARLY TO WASHINGTON.
"AND OUR DESTINATION TOOK ME COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE...
I RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE. IT'S THAT MALL THAT WAS ABANDONED HALFWAY THROUGH CONSTRUCTION!
THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING YOUR NIGHTS?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION THIS PLACE HOLDS FOR YOU!
I GUESS IT'S JUST THE EMPTINESS OF IT I LIKE, MARLENE.
IT'S JUST EASIER OUT HERE FOR ME TO THINK... TO MAKE PLANS FOR MY LIFE.
AND BELIEVE ME -- I HAVE SOME BIG PLANS.
HA-HA-HA!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!
YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT SOME KIND OF WILD SCHEME IN THE WORKS!

SLAPP!
DON'T LAUGH AT ME, DAMMIT!
DON'T EVER LAUGH AT ME!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, STEPHZ!
CALM DOWN!
I'M SORRY, MARLENE. I JUST DON'T LIKE TO BE LAUGHED AT...
NOT BY YOU!
DEAR GOD... SHE WAS TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL!
AND SHE THINKS I'VE GOTTEN MEANER...!

TO FORM A THEORY AS TO WHY WE'VE BOTH BECOME STRONGER AND MORE AGGRESSIVE.
I'VE HAD LOTS OF TIME TO THINK SINCE THEN--
"BACK WHEN I FIRST BECAME MISS FURY -- STEPHANIE ALSO DONNED A SIMILAR COSTUME.
"AND JUST LIKE IN OUR CIVILIAN LIVES --WE ENDED UP FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
"THE FIGHT ENDED WHEN WE BOTH TOOK A FALL INTO A VAT OF CHEMICALS.*
*WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ALL THIS IF YOU HAD READ LAST YEAR'S MISS FURY MINI-SERIES! —SMART-A-MANN!
"I THINK THOSE CHEMICALS MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGES IN ME.
"AND SINCE STEPHANIE HAD AN OPEN WOUND-- EVEN MORE OF THEM GOT INTO HER BLOODSTREAM."
AND IF MY SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT, SHE'S BACK IN COSTUME AS WELL...
AND CALLING HERSELF BLACK FURY!

IF I'M RIGHT... THEN SHE'S PROBABLY TAKEN THE BOY TO THAT ABANDONED MALL.
MISS FURY? I ASKED WHY YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP FIND MICHAEL.
I CAN'T GO INTO DETAILS, SIR--
BUT I BELIEVE I KNOW WHERE BLACK FURY IS HOLDING YOUR GRANDSON.
THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY VAGUE. I HAVE TO SAY, YOUNG LADY--
YOU'RE GIVING ME ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO TRUST YOU.
I KNOW THAT, MISTER PRESIDENT. FORGIVE ME.
ALL I CAN TELL YOU--
--IS THAT I SWEAR ON MY GRANDMOTHER'S GRAVE...
...I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!

* Why? See his mini-series for *that* answer!-- Library Mann.

GENTLEMEN... ...AND LADIES...
...MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?
MISS FURY THINKS SHE KNOWS WHERE MICHAEL IS BEING HELD ...AND SHE HAS A PLAN TO SAVE HIM.
THEREFORE... I'VE AUTHORIZED HER TO LEAD YOU ON A RESCUE MISSION.
LEAD?! SIR-- YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING!
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HER!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEBATE THIS, AMAZING MAN.
FINE. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS, WOMAN--
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS... CARRY THEM OUT.
IF YOU DO ANYTHING TO BETRAY THIS TEAM...
I JUST MAY FORGET ABOUT OUR NO-KILL SANCTION!
To be CONTINUED...as if we had to tell you. BE HERE...or you'll be SORRY!

PROTECTORS

PROTOCOL™

Write To: Malibu Comics/Protectors
8321 Sterling Center Dr.
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Well, it's time to announce the winner of the "name that letter column contest" that we ran in issue #7. Drum roll, please...and now the envelope. Dan Hill of Millersville, MD, please stand up. Dan will be receiving the original artwork to the two-page spread in Protectors #8. Congrats. And now, more letters.

Dear Protectors,

I've been reading *Protectors* since no.2. I have *Protectors* 2-a and *Man of War* no.1 and the *Air-Man* one shot. The Protectors are awesome. I still have a couple of questions though.

1. How come in *Man of War* no.1 Philip Reinhart is walking and in *Protectors* no.8 he's in a wheel chair?
2. How did Man of War get his powers? I would love to see all of the Protectors origins.
3. What is Arrow's powers?
4. As new additions to the Protectors I would like to see Thresher, Arrow, and Lift. Also,I think the traitor you keep hinting to is Amazing Man.

Besides those questions I think the Protectors is the best comic around! Make that the whole Protector's universe. Until Marvel makes a super hero team comic worth reading Make mine Malibu!

JASON SMITH
RACOON, K.Y.

1.Man of War #1 takes place AFTER Protectors #9.
2.Check out Man of War #6. *The* Protectors *Handbook gives a written description.*
3.he shoots arrows
4.hmmmmmmm

Dear sirs,

I Think your comic Protectors is great!
Do you have a Malibu comics fan club membership. I recently purchased *AIR MAN* #1. I liked it.

JASON BALTHIS
POUND, VIRGINIA

Thanks for the enthusiasm, Jason. We don't have a fan club...yet. We'll let you know when we do. If you liked Air Man, be sure to look at Club Malibu for a complete checklist of other cool books.

Dear Malibu,

I Love your comics! Especially like #5. It's so exciting and easy to understand. I read my first Malibu comic book a few days ago, I borrowed it from a friend. Jason Austin my friend had a poster and everything. It was so cool. I'm definitely going to buy more Protectors comic books and all your other comics too.

P.S. I LOVE THE ART WORK!

JEREMY WALSTROM
Poplas, W.I.

Jeremy, Wow! Be sure to tell your other friends about us, we don't want anyone to miss out.

Dear Protectors,

I started reading comics in the early 70's when I was about 8 yrs. old. I read comics like *Spiderman, Superman, JLA, Hulk & Conan.* In the 80's I lost interest in my comics collection. My interest was rekindled when D.C. *(that stands for Declining Competition—Rol)* killed Superman.

I must say of all the comics I now read the *Protectors* are my favorite. The art is good and the storylines keep me anticipating the next issue.

Another part of the fun, for me, is following the series right

from the very first issue. I was not able to do that with my collection from the 70's. There is one Protectors book I have not been able to locate. I am hoping you can help. I am looking for The *Protectors* Handbook. If you have any in stock I would like to know how I could purchase one. Any information on this book would be appreciated!

Keep up the good work! I hope you can keep pumping out quality comics for a long time.

P.S. I can't wait for the ULTRAVERSE!!

DOUGLAS R. GUILAUME
PHELPS N.Y.

Cool. It's good to know that all the hard work to deliver STORIES is appreciated. It's tough to tell sometimes in this age of gimmicks and enhancements. Spread the word.

Dear R.A. and Thomas.

With the glut of different comics available to me on a weekly basis, I have really had to constrict my comic budget. The Protectors is one of the titles that will continue to be on my "must purchase" list. In the past eight issues, you have reminded this 23-year old comics fan what exactly makes comic books fun, by-the-seat-of-your-pants excitement.

Wisecrack is certainly an interesting foil, not the joker rip-off I originally expected. I'm curious to see what next issue brings (especially since another Protector is slated to become history). With each new issue, characterizations have become quite 3-dementional and believable. In a team comic, I feel that this is an outstanding achievement.

With all the hype other "independent" titles are receiving, it astonishes me that the Protectors doesn't receive enough. Thanks again for a well-scripted and drawn book I can look forward to every month.

P.S. I especially enjoyed the "Kick Me" sign on gravestone's back, on page 25!

JAMES Daniel VANOSDOL
CHICAGO, I.L.

Thanks, James. It's through support of folks like you that we exist. We'll continue to do our best to bring you exciting stories. And now, the letter with the winning title...

Dear Sirs,

My compliments on your outstanding work on Protectors. It was the first series that I picked up after a six year hiatus from comic collecting. I eagerly await further developments in the issues to come.

As for the name the letter page contest mentioned in issue #7, my suggestion is: PROTECTORS PROTOCOL.

I feel that the words meaning as "an original copy, draft, minute, record" as well as its phonetic and visual similarities to the series title make protocol a worthy suggestion for an exemplary string of issues and reader comments (past, present, and future).

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Dan Hill
Millerville MD

Dan, you win! Get that artwork framed! Thanks to all for the letters, keep'em coming!

NEXT ISSUE: We wrap up our 3-part story. The Protectors other Miss Fury nemesis, in a story we call "Hell Hath No Fury." Be there!

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Extra! Extra!

Wow! Second installment already? My how time flies when you're having fun. Now on to the business at hand.

Man of War #4 brings us guest penciller Fred Haynes, and new crack staff inker Larry Welch. Next month Glenn Brown will join us as the regular penciller. These guys are some talent to keep your eye on.

Dinosaurs For Hire #6 features a hilarious Jurassic Park parody cover that we couldn't stop creator/writer Tom Mason from calling "Jurassic Jerk." This issue also features the debut of new regular penciller Leonard Kirk.

Ex-Mutants #9 is Paul Pelletier's farewell issue (he's now working for the Declining Competition)—and he has pulled out all the stops.

Gravestone begins this month...if you don't already have it, go get it now. The response to this thing has been so positive, so fast, that it has been extended to a regular series already. Don't miss out.

Don't forget that *Star Trek®: Deep Space Nine™* begins next month. Mark it on your calendar.

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News!

GENESIS is still the buzz around the club. We're talking it's gonna be BIG! There are gonna be BIG changes in *Protectors, Dinosaurs For Hire,* and *Ex-Mutants.* You have been warned! Barry Windsor--Smith has just announced he'll be working on a project for Malibu's very own ULTRAVERSE. He and Malibu Editor-In-Chief/writer Chris Ulm will be creating *Rune.* Check your favorite Ultraverse title for the latest news.

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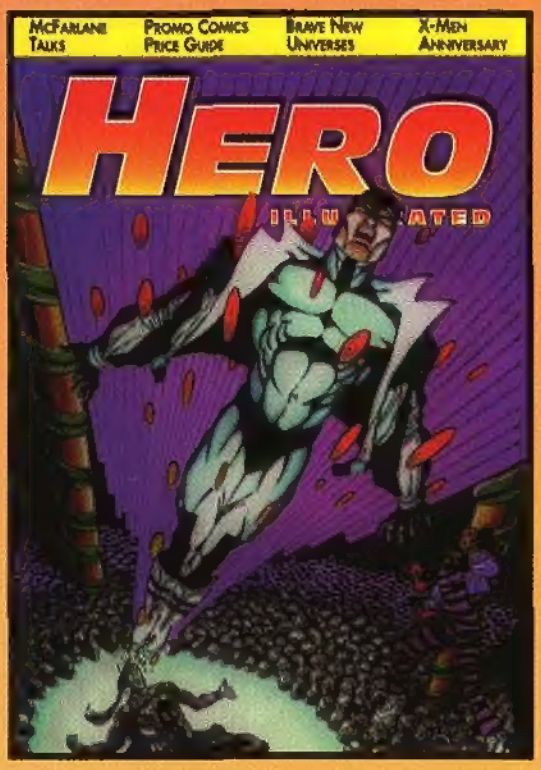

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